

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claim 6 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Claim 26 has been amended to depend on Claim 24. Claims 52-88 have been canceled.

No new matter has been added by the above amendment. With entry thereof, Claims 1, 6-24, 26, 27, 31-40, 42-51 and 89 will be pending.

REMARKS

The claims as now amended are limited to subject matter found allowable by the Examiner and all formal grounds of rejection have been overcome. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

6. (Twice amended) The printing plate material as claimed in claim 1, wherein said group VIB metal is any of W, Mo[.], and Cr.

26. (Amended) The printing plate material as claimed in claim [25] 24, wherein said at least one member selected from the group consisting of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$ , and  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  is contained as an oxide.

Claims 52-88 (Canceled)